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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Joshua:

I wonder whether Victor McKusick should be considered for membership in the National Academy? I know that McKusick's name is not connected with a specific major discovery but it takes all kinds of people to advance science. McKusick's catalogs of genes, his monograph on the X chromosome and his general contributions to human genetics seem to me deserving serious attention in connection with the Academy.

I must tell you that I brought up this matter in a letter to Jim Neel some considerable time ago. Jim did not feel that he could support an election of McKusick. Possibly you may feel the same way, but I would like to hear your reaction.*

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Curt".

Curt Stern

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P.S. Identical letter sent to James Crow and L. C. Dunn.

*no stray one. I would not take the initiative but I would give in a mild endorsement.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".

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